GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:159
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2000
CHANGING IN SUGAR POLICY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sugar Industry has suffered a lot due to frequent changes in sugar policies; (

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for frequent changes in sugar policy; (

(c) whether sugar output continues to fluctuate between extreme lows and highs in regular cycle as a result thereof;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to boost sugar industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d): Although the production of sugar have shown fluctuations in the past, the same cannot be attributed to changes in sugar policy. A statement indicating the fluctuations in the production of sugar during the last ten sugar seasons is annexed.

(e) Government has recently taken several steps to boost sugar industry as indicated below:

(i) Government has reduced the levy obligation on domestic producers of sugar from 40% to 30% with effect from 1.1.2000.

(ii) Government has imposed levy obligation of 30% on importers of sugar vide notification dated 17.2.2000.

(iii) Government has imposed regulated release mechanism on importers of sugar vide notification dated 22.11.99 read with notification dated 29.12.99.

(iv) Government increased the customs duty on imports of sugar from 25% plus 10% surcharge to 40% on 30.12.99 and it has been further increased to 60% with effect from 9.2.2000 along with continuance of countervailing duty of Rs. 850/- per tonne.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 159 FOR ANSWER IN TH SABHA ON 24-02-2000.

Sl. No.	Sugar Year	Sugar Production (In lakh tonnes)	Increase or decrease (In lakh tonnes)
1.	1989-90	109.89	-
2.	1990-91	120.47	10.58
3.	1991-92	134.11	13.64
4.	1992-93	106.09	- 28.02
5.	1993-94	98.24	- 7.85
6.	1994-95	146.43	48.19

7 1995-96 164.29 17.86

8. 1996-97 129.05 - 35.24

9. 1997-98 128.44 - 0.61
10. 1998-99 155.2 26.76